

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-13 and 19 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-8, 10-13 and 19 are rejected. Claims 9 and 14-18 are previously cancelled.

Applicants herein traverse and respectfully request reconsideration of the rejection of the claims cited in the above-referenced Office Action.

Claims 1-8, 12 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dasser (DE 14 78 857 A1). Further, claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10-13 and 19 are rejected as obvious over Yonezawa (US 6,095,509) in view of Kohlert (US 5,746,420) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). Applicants herein respectfully traverse these rejections.

The applicants and applicants' attorney appreciate the Examiner's granting of the telephone interview conducted on July 13, and extend their thanks to the Examiner and his Primary Examiner for their time and consideration.

Agreement was reached regarding suitable revisions to the claims that would overcome the rejections of record and place the application into condition for allowance. Independent claims 1 and 19 are amended in a manner reflecting the agreed-upon language. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the application is now in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectfully request a one (1) month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. Please charge the fee of \$130 for the extension of time to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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